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## *Memorandum*

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

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FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

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RE: Staff Report – September 2008

### **Update on MTC's Contracting and Outreach Efforts**

Last April, Denise Rodrigues, MTC's Contract Administrator, gave a brief report to MCAC on a statewide disparity study currently underway by Caltrans. In addition, several Bay Area transit operators have conducted or are in the process of conducting disparity studies.

Attached is an update on the status of these studies, as well as some numbers for MTC's FY 08/09 Annual Availability Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Level, as approved by the state. Also included in the report is a summary of MTC's DBE outreach activities over the past six months.

Questions regarding this report can be directed to Denise Rodrigues at 510-817-5897.

### **Transportation 2035 Update**

The key public outreach and involvement activities for the final phase of the Transportation 2035 Plan will be outlined at MTC's Planning Committee at its September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. This last phase of outreach covers the next few months, culminating in the adoption of the Transportation 2035 Plan in March of 2009.

On the near horizon for MCAC members is another Joint Advisor Workshop tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. This meeting will focus on strategies for meeting ambitious targets for climate protection, equity, air quality and congestion relief, as well as advocacy platform for securing needed funding for associated programs. MCAC members are encouraged to attend what could be the final meeting for joint advisors, so mark your calendars now for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **California High Speed Rail**

The Honorable Quentin Kopp, Chair of the California High Speed Rail Authority, will brief the Advisory Council at its meeting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. regarding next steps for advancing high speed rail in California. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

**Meeting Reminders**

- **High School Internship Subcommittee**  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
MetroCenter – Conference Room 171, First Floor
- **Transportation 2035 Joint Advisor Workshop**  
Thursday, October 9, 2008, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (TENTATIVE)  
MetroCenter Auditorium